

REMARKS

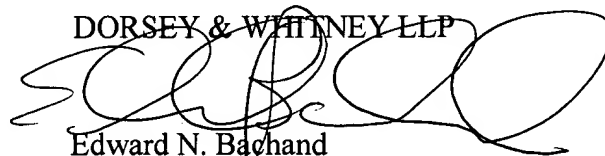
Applicant acknowledges the allowance of Claims 13-30.

Claims 2-4 and 8-10 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 2, Claim 2 has been cancelled and Claims 3-4 have been amended to depend from Claim 1. It is thus assumed that Claim 1, and Claims 3-6 which depend from Claim 1, are now allowable. Additionally, Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 8, Claim 8 has been cancelled and Claims 9-10 have been amended to depend from Claim 7. It is thus assumed that Claim 7, and Claims 9-12 which depend from Claim 7, are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of record are allowable and that the application should be passed to issue. Should the Examiner believe that the application is not in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would help further prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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